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The Reply Brief filed 11/14/2000, has been noted. The case is being forwarded to the Board for their review and decision.

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